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GOV. EASLEY REMINDS CONSUMERS OF SALES TAX HOLIDAY AUG. 6-8
Provides Relief for Taxpayers Purchasing Back-to-School Supplies, Clothing and Computers

RALEIGH – With the new school year just around the bend, Gov. Mike Easley today reminded shoppers that they will get a weekend pass on state and local sales taxes on clothing, computers and other back-to-school items. The state's third annual sales tax holiday will be from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8.

"The sales tax holiday helps students and their families get the items that they need for the upcoming school year," Easley said. "It is a win-win. The weekend tax break saves families money and helps get their children ready for school, and it also generates business for our retailers."

Consumers will not pay sales tax on the following: clothes, footwear and school supplies such as pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, textbooks, book bags, lunchboxes, encyclopedias, dictionaries and calculators costing less than \$100 per item; sports and recreation equipment costing \$50 or less; both athletic and nonathletic uniforms costing \$100 or less; cycling items such as shoes, shirts and gloves costing \$100 or less; and computers including the central processing unit, monitor, keyboard, mouse and speakers totaling less than \$3,500.

The sales tax holiday was enacted by Senate Bill 26, which the General Assembly passed in 2001.

For more information, visit the N.C. Department of Revenue's web site at www.dor.state.nc.us/taxes/sales/salestax_holiday.html.

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